

# Christ Church Cathedral.

Centennial

Services,



Sunday,

15th Dec. 1889.

8 A.M.—Holy Communion.

11 A.M.—Morning Service and Choral Communion.

Hymns 166, 215, 47, 323 (A. & M.).

Proper Psalms 84 and 87.

Proper Lessons, Isaiah 25, Heb. 10, 19-25.

Preacher, Rev. E. Walpole Warren, M.A., Rector of  
the Church of the Holy Trinity, New York.

3.30 P.M.—Children's Service. Choral Litany.

Hymns, 391, 51, 339.

Preacher, Rev. E. Walpole Warren, M.A.

7.05 P.M.—Evening Service.

Hymns, 240, 302, 379.

Proper Psalm, 103.

Proper Lessons, Hag. 2, 4-9. Eph. 2, 13.

Anthem, "O how amiable are thy dwellings."

Preacher, Rev. E. Walpole Warren, M.A.

**OFFERTORIES for the DEBT on the Cathedral  
Rectory and adjoining House.**

## EXTRACT FROM SERMON

*Preached December 8, 1889.*

BY THE

REV. J. G. NORTON, D. D.,

RECTOR OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH.

“And now a word as to our own Church, whose centennial we shall, God willing, celebrate on Sunday next. I would remind you that from 1766 till 1789, the few Protestants of various denominations then in Montreal worshipped as one small congregation, and were ministered to by the Rev. David C. Delisle, a Church of England clergyman, in the Recollet Chapel, which was most kindly lent to them by the Roman Catholics, at hours when it was not required for Mass. In 1789, the Governor, Lord Dorchester, granted to the Church of England the use of a Church which had become Crown property. On the suggestion of the Bishop of Nova Scotia, it was called ‘CHRIST CHURCH,’ and was dedicated on December 20th, 1789. It was destroyed by fire in 1803; from which year, till the new Christ Church in Notre Dame street was opened in 1814, the congregation worshipped in St. Gabriel Church, which was generously lent to them by the Presbyterians. In 1820, Christ Church was duly constituted a Statutory Parish Church (on the English model), for the Anglican Parish and Rectory of Montreal. In 1850, the Church was raised to the dignity of a Cathedral, by a Royal Patent, which fixed in it the Episcopal Cathedra or throne. By the same Patent, the Diocese of Montreal was created, and the town of Montreal

was advanced to the rank of a City of the British Empire. In December, 1856, Christ Church Cathedral in Notre Dame street was burned down, and the present beautiful Church was opened in 1859. Upwards of ninety-five per cent. of the total outlay had to be met by the Cathedral congregation and their friends, and the result has been that for 30 years the congregation has been heavily pressed with the cost of building and maintaining a Church worthy of its position as the Cathedral and Mother Church of the greatest City in the Dominion of Canada, and of a Diocese with nearly a hundred Parishes and Missions. In the old country, this cost, so largely incurred for the good of all, would not have been thrown so exclusively upon the congregation of the Mother Church. However, the Cathedral congregation have made noble efforts, and the result is, that there is now no debt in connection with the Cathedral, except a Mortgage for \$10,000 on the Rectory and the adjoining house. Your centennial Offerings will be for the reduction of this debt, which is the only blemish on the fair fame of a Church of which our City and Diocese are justly proud.

I rejoice to say that the Centennial finds us with a most united and devoted congregation, with beautiful and true Church of England Services, and with flourishing Sunday Schools and other Parochial organizations, which are not only admirable and efficient, but full of Christian love and devotion. May this Centennial be a time of much special prayer for a large outpouring of the Holy Spirit's Unction upon our Church and Diocese."